

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 262**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “education” insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; and amending ORS 341.522, 348.180, 348.205, 348.250, 348.260, 348.263
3 and 348.520”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 10 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 341.522, as amended by section 18, chapter 81, Oregon
6 Laws 2022, is amended to read:

7 “341.522. (1) The Office of Student Access and Completion shall administer
8 the Oregon Promise program as provided by this section.

9 “(2) Subject to subsections (7) to (10) of this section, the office shall pro-
10 vide a grant for community college courses to a person who meets the cri-
11 teria described in subsections (3) to (6) of this section. The grant shall be
12 limited as provided by subsections (7) to (10) of this section.

13 “(3) A grant shall be awarded under this section to a person who meets
14 the following criteria:

15 “(a) Is enrolled in courses that are:

16 “(A) Offered at a community college in this state; and

17 “(B) Determined by the office, in accordance with rules adopted by the
18 Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to be required for completion
19 of:

20 “(i) A one-year curriculum for students who plan to transfer to another
21 post-secondary institution of education;

1 “(ii) An associate degree; or
2 “(iii) A program in career and technical education;
3 “(b) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, has been a resi-
4 dent of this state for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in the courses
5 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;
6 “(c) Attained the person’s highest level of education, except as provided
7 in subsection (5) of this section, in this state prior to:
8 “(A) Receiving a diploma under ORS 329.451;
9 “(B) Receiving a certificate for passing an approved high school equiv-
10 alency test such as the General Educational Development (GED) test as
11 provided by ORS 350.175;
12 “(C) Completing grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS
13 339.035; or
14 “(D) Completing grade 12 at a private or parochial school, as described
15 in ORS 339.030 (1)(a);
16 “(d) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, attained
17 the person’s highest level of education as described in paragraph (c) of this
18 subsection within six months from the date that the person first enrolls in
19 courses described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for the purpose of re-
20 ceiving a grant under this section;
21 “(e) Earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in high
22 school or otherwise demonstrated an equivalent academic ability, as deter-
23 mined by the office according to rules adopted by the commission;
24 “(f) Completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student
25 Aid for each academic year and accepted all state and federal aid grants
26 available to the person, if eligible to file the application; [*and*]
27 “(g) Has not completed either of the following:
28 “(A) More than a total of 90 credit hours, or the equivalent, at a post-
29 secondary institution of education; or
30 “(B) A curriculum, degree or program, as described in paragraph (a)(B)

1 of this subsection[.]; **and**

2 **“(h) Has an adjusted gross income as reported on the federal fi-**
3 **nancial application or state equivalent form, either individually if an**
4 **independent student or combined with parent and guardian income if**
5 **a dependent student, at or below \$100,000, as determined by the com-**
6 **mission by rule.**

7 “(4)(a) If a person otherwise meets the required criteria and has been
8 awarded a grant under subsection (3) of this section, but the person enters
9 into service with a career and technical student organization relating to
10 agriculture or farming that is approved by the Department of Education un-
11 der ORS 344.077 within six months after the person attained the person’s
12 highest level of education as described in subsection (3)(c) of this section, the
13 person will continue to be eligible to receive the grant if the person first
14 enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section within six
15 months of finishing the person’s service with the career and technical stu-
16 dent organization.

17 “(b) In addition to the situation described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
18 section, the commission may waive the requirement set forth in subsection
19 (3)(d) of this section for a person who shows that the person was unable to
20 timely enroll in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section due to
21 a significant hardship. The commission may adopt rules to implement this
22 paragraph.

23 “(5)(a) A member of the Oregon National Guard who has completed initial
24 active duty training is not required to comply with the criteria set forth in
25 subsection (3)(d) of this section in order to receive a grant, provided that the
26 member first enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section
27 within six months after completing initial active duty training, as evidenced
28 by an official form issued by the United States Department of Defense.

29 “(b)(A) A person who completes the highest level of education as de-
30 scribed in subsection (3)(c) of this section while confined in a correctional

1 facility, either serving a sentence of incarceration or as a young person,
2 youth or adjudicated youth, is not required to comply with the criteria set
3 forth in subsection (3)(d) of this section in order to receive a grant, provided
4 that the person first enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this
5 section within six months after the date on which the person is first released
6 from a correctional facility following completion of the highest level of ed-
7 ucation described in subsection (3)(c) of this section.

8 “(B) The eligibility requirements described in subsection (6)(a)(C) of this
9 section may be waived by the office according to rules adopted by the com-
10 mission for a person who receives a grant under this section in the manner
11 described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

12 “(C) As used in this paragraph:

13 “(i) ‘Adjudicated youth,’ ‘detention facility,’ ‘young person’ and ‘youth’
14 have the meanings given those terms in ORS 419A.004.

15 “(ii) ‘Correctional facility’ means any place used for the confinement of
16 young persons, youths or adjudicated youths or persons charged with or
17 convicted of a crime or otherwise confined under a court order, including
18 a:

19 “(I) Youth correction facility;

20 “(II) Detention facility;

21 “(III) Department of Corrections institution;

22 “(IV) Local correctional facility; or

23 “(V) State hospital or a secure intensive community inpatient facility,
24 with respect to persons detained therein who are youths or adjudicated
25 youths, who are charged with or convicted of a crime or who are detained
26 therein after having been found guilty except for insanity of a crime under
27 ORS 161.290 to 161.373 or having been found responsible except for insanity
28 under ORS 419C.411.

29 “(iii) ‘Department of Corrections institution’ has the meaning given that
30 term in ORS 421.005.

1 “(iv) ‘Local correctional facility’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
2 169.005.

3 “(v) ‘Youth correction facility’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
4 420.005.

5 “(c)(A) If a person was a foster child:

6 “(i) The person shall be treated as meeting the residency criteria for el-
7 igibility under subsection (3)(b) of this section if, but for the person’s place-
8 ment in out-of-state foster care, the person otherwise meets the requirements
9 of subsection (3)(b) of this section.

10 “(ii) The person shall be treated as attaining the person’s highest level
11 of education in this state under subsection (3)(c) of this section if the person
12 attained the person’s highest level of education while placed in out-of-state
13 foster care and the person’s highest level of education substantially meets
14 the requirements under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

15 “(iii) The person is not required to comply with the criteria set forth in
16 subsection (3)(d) of this section in order to receive a grant provided that the
17 person completes the highest level of education as described in subparagraph
18 (A)(ii) of this paragraph while in a treatment program and the person first
19 enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section within 12
20 months after the date on which the person is released from the treatment
21 program.

22 “(B) Upon request from the commission, the Department of Human Ser-
23 vices shall provide documentation of the placement status of a person de-
24 scribed in paragraph (c)(A) of this subsection.

25 “(C) As used in this paragraph:

26 “(i) ‘Foster care’ means substitute care for children placed by the De-
27 partment of Human Services or a tribal child welfare agency away from the
28 child’s parents and for whom the department or agency has placement and
29 care responsibility, including placements in foster family homes, foster homes
30 of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child

1 care institutions and preadoptive homes.

2 “(ii) ‘Foster child’ means a child over whom the Department of Human
3 Services retained jurisdiction under ORS 417.200 for the duration of the
4 child’s placement in foster care outside the State of Oregon.

5 “(6)(a) A person continues to remain eligible to receive a grant under this
6 section if the person, in addition to satisfying the criteria specified in sub-
7 section (3) of this section, meets the following criteria:

8 “(A) Maintains at least the minimum cumulative grade point average
9 prescribed by the commission based on federal aid grant requirements;

10 “(B) Makes satisfactory academic progress toward a curriculum, degree
11 or program, as described in subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section, as prescribed
12 by the commission based on federal aid grant requirements; and

13 “(C) Enrolls in courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section for
14 a sufficient number of credit hours to be considered at least a half-time
15 student each term for at least three terms in each consecutive academic year.

16 “(b) A person who fails to meet an eligibility requirement described in
17 paragraph (a) of this subsection becomes ineligible to receive a grant under
18 this section for the term after which the person fails to meet the eligibility
19 requirement, unless the eligibility requirement is waived by the office ac-
20 cording to rules adopted by the commission.

21 “(7)(a) The total amount of a grant awarded under this section shall be
22 based on each term that a person is enrolled in courses described in sub-
23 section (3)(a) of this section. Except as provided in subsections (9) and (10)
24 of this section, after the amount of tuition for the person for the term is
25 reduced by any amounts received by the person in state and federal aid
26 grants, the person shall be eligible for a grant under this section in an
27 amount that equals:

28 “(A) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, not less than
29 the greater of:

30 “(i) \$2,000, adjusted for inflation based on the increase of the average cost

1 of tuition at a community college operated under ORS chapter 341 in a
2 manner determined by the commission by rule; and

3 “(ii) The person’s actual cost for tuition.

4 “(B) Not more than the lesser of:

5 “(i) The average cost of tuition at a community college in this state, as
6 determined by the office; and

7 “(ii) The person’s actual cost for tuition.

8 “(b)(A) If the office determines both that the person’s actual cost for tui-
9 tion exceeds the amount set forth in paragraph (a)(A)(i) of this subsection
10 and that the person’s actual cost for tuition exceeds the average cost of tu-
11 tion at a community college in this state, the person shall be eligible for a
12 grant in an amount that equals the average cost of tuition at a community
13 college in this state.

14 “(B) If the office determines that the person’s actual cost for tuition is
15 less than the amount set forth in paragraph (a)(A)(i) of this subsection, the
16 person shall be eligible for a grant in an amount that equals the amount set
17 forth in paragraph (a)(A)(i) of this subsection.

18 “(c) The minimum amount of a grant, as calculated under paragraphs (a)
19 and (b) of this subsection, may be prorated for a person who is enrolled in
20 courses described in subsection (3)(a) of this section for a sufficient number
21 of credit hours to be considered at least a half-time student but not a full-
22 time student.

23 “(d) The commission may prescribe by rule whether to include fees, and
24 any limitations related to the inclusion of fees, when determining the actual
25 cost of tuition or the average cost of tuition under this subsection.

26 “(8) The commission may adopt by rule the priority by which grants are
27 awarded, which may allow for preference to be given to persons enrolled in
28 school districts or high schools that meet specified criteria.

29 “(9) Prior to the start of the fall term of each academic year, the com-
30 mission shall determine whether there are sufficient moneys to award a

1 grant under this section to each person who meets the criteria described in
2 subsections (3) to (6) of this section. When making a determination under
3 this subsection, the commission may consider both projected resources and
4 statutory modifications that will take effect during the current biennium.

5 On the basis of this determination the commission may:

6 “(a) Limit eligibility to receive a grant under this section to a person
7 whose [*financial resources*] **individual or family adjusted gross income**,
8 as determined by the commission by rule, [*are*] **is** at or below the level the
9 commission determines is necessary to allow the commission to operate the
10 Oregon Promise program with available moneys; or

11 “(b) Reduce or eliminate any limitation on eligibility previously imposed
12 by the commission under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

13 “(10)(a) If at any time the commission determines that there are insuffi-
14 cient moneys to provide a grant to each person who has been awarded a
15 grant under this section, the commission may decrease the total amount of
16 the grant awarded.

17 “(b) If at any time the commission determines that the amount of moneys
18 available to operate the Oregon Promise program exceeds the amount deter-
19 mined under subsection (9) of this section, the commission may reduce or
20 eliminate any limitation on eligibility to receive a grant under this section
21 that was previously imposed by the commission under subsection (9)(a) of
22 this section.

23 “(c) The commission shall promptly notify the interim committees of the
24 Legislative Assembly responsible for higher education each time the com-
25 mission takes any action under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

26 “(11) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the adminis-
27 tration of this section, including any requirements related to:

28 “(a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for
29 a grant under this section;

30 “(b) Determining whether a person is eligible for a grant under this sec-

1 tion, including whether the person shall be given priority as allowed under
2 subsection (8) of this section;

3 “(c) Implementing programs or policies that improve the academic success
4 or completion rates for persons who receive a grant under this section;

5 “(d) Prescribing eligibility requirements and grant calculations for per-
6 sons dually enrolled in a community college and a public university; [and]

7 “(e) Evaluating the impact of the program established under this section,
8 including any requirements for reporting data needed for evaluations[.]; **and**

9 **“(f) Determining whether a student meets the income criteria es-
10 tablished in subsection (3)(h) of this section.**

11 “(12) No later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, the com-
12 mission shall submit to an interim legislative committee related to education
13 a report that summarizes the commission’s findings on the impact of the
14 program established under this section. The report shall include:

15 “(a) Student completion rates of curricula, degrees and programs de-
16 scribed in subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section;

17 “(b) The amount of federal aid grants received by persons who received
18 a grant under this section;

19 “(c) The financial impact of the program on school districts that had
20 students receive a grant under this section;

21 “(d) The financial impact and the enrollment impact of the program on
22 community colleges and public universities in this state; and

23 “(e) The overall success rate of the program and financial impact of the
24 program.

25 **“SECTION 2. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial
26 aid authorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission
27 may award moneys from the Oregon Promise program to students to
28 reward student persistence and encourage completion of degree pro-
29 grams at community colleges.**

30 **“(2) Awards made under this section are not subject to the mini-**

1 **imum or maximum Oregon Promise program grant amounts or eligi-**
2 **bility criteria established under ORS 341.522.**

3 **“(3) The commission shall establish by rule eligibility criteria for**
4 **awards made under this section. These criteria shall include, but are**
5 **not limited to, whether the student is attending a community college**
6 **on a full-time or less than full-time basis.**

7 **“(4)(a) The commission shall administer, and determine the size of,**
8 **awards made under this section.**

9 **“(b) In determining the size of awards made under this section, the**
10 **commission shall consider basing the size of the awards on a percent-**
11 **age of the maximum Oregon Promise program grant amount author-**
12 **ized under ORS 341.522.**

13 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 348.180 is amended to read:

14 **“348.180. As used in this section and ORS 348.205, 348.250, 348.260 and**
15 **348.263:**

16 **“(1) ‘Cost of education’ includes but is not limited to, tuition, fees and**
17 **living expenses.**

18 **“(2) ‘Eligible post-secondary institution’ means:**

19 **“(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;**

20 **“(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341;**

21 **“(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; or**

22 **“(d) An Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of**
23 **higher education.**

24 **“(3) ‘Qualified student’ means any [*resident*] student [, *or student exempted***
25 ***from paying nonresident tuition under ORS 352.287, who plans to attend*] **who**
26 **has been a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to en-**
27 **rolling at** an eligible post-secondary institution and who:**

28 **“(a) Has not achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-**
29 **secondary institution;**

30 **“(b) Is enrolled in an eligible program as defined by rule of the Higher**

1 Education Coordinating Commission; *and*]

2 “(c) Is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by rule of the
3 commission; **and**

4 “(d) **Has not been admitted to the United States for the sole purpose**
5 **of enrolling in a higher education program of study.**

6 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 348.205 is amended to read:

7 “348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within
8 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

9 “(2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall
10 be shared by the student, the family of the student, the federal government
11 and the state.

12 “(3) The [*Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion*] **com-**
13 **mission** shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based
14 on the type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending.
15 The cost of education equals:

16 “(a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of
17 education of attending a community college in this state;

18 “(b) For a student attending a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the
19 average cost of education of attending a public university;

20 “(c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accred-
21 ited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of edu-
22 cation of attending a community college in this state; and

23 “(d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University
24 or a four-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution
25 of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a public
26 university listed in ORS 352.002.

27 “(4)(a) The [*director*] **commission** shall determine the amount of the
28 student share. The student share shall be based on:

29 “(A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attend-
30 ing;

1 “(B) The number of hours of work that the [*director*] **commission** deter-
2 mines may be reasonably expected from the student; and

3 “(C) The amount of loans that the [*director*] **commission** determines
4 would constitute a manageable debt burden for the student.

5 “(b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through
6 income from work, loans, savings and scholarships.

7 “(c) The student share for a student who attends a community college
8 may not exceed the amount that the [*director*] **commission** determines a
9 student may earn based on the number of hours of work reasonably expected
10 from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

11 “(d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-
12 secondary institution that is not a community college may not exceed the
13 sum of the amount that the [*director*] **commission** determines a student may
14 receive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number
15 of hours of work reasonably expected from the student under paragraph (a)
16 of this subsection.

17 “(5) The [*director*] **commission** shall determine the amount of the family
18 share. The family share shall be based on the resources of the family.

19 “(6) The [*director*] **commission** shall determine the amount of the federal
20 share based on how much the student or the student’s family is expected to
21 receive from the federal government.

22 “(7)(a) The [*director*] **commission** shall determine the amount of the state
23 share. The state share shall be equal to the cost of education reduced by the
24 student share, family share and amount received by the student from the
25 federal government.

26 “(b) The [*director*] **commission** shall establish a minimum amount that
27 a student may receive as a state share. If the [*director*] **commission** deter-
28 mines that the amount of the state share of a student is below the minimum
29 amount, the student may not receive the state share.

30 “(c) The [*director*] **commission** may not reduce the amount of the state

1 share of a student based on amounts available to the student by virtue of
2 being the designated beneficiary of a college savings network account es-
3 tablished under ORS 178.300 to 178.360.

4 “(8) Subject to subsection (9) of this section, if the [*director*] **commission**
5 determines that there are insufficient moneys to award the state share to all
6 qualified students, the [*director*] **commission**:

7 “(a) May establish the maximum amount that a student may receive as
8 a state share. This amount may vary based on whether the student is at-
9 tending an eligible post-secondary institution on a [*half-time or*] full-time **or**
10 **less than full-time** basis.

11 “(b) May establish procedures that prioritize awarding Oregon Opportu-
12 nity Grants to qualified students with the greatest financial need or whose
13 circumstances would enhance the promotion of equity guidelines published
14 by the [*Higher Education Coordinating*] commission.

15 “(c) May not reduce the amount of the state share awarded to students
16 in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount that the
17 state share for students in other income ranges is reduced.

18 “(9)(a) The [*Higher Education Coordinating*] commission shall adopt rules
19 that prioritize current foster children and former foster children for receiv-
20 ing Oregon Opportunity Grants when the Oregon Opportunity Grant program
21 does not have sufficient funding to serve all eligible Oregon students.

22 “(b) For the purposes of this subsection, ‘former foster child’ has the
23 meaning given that term in ORS 350.300.

24 “**SECTION 5.** ORS 348.250 is amended to read:

25 “348.250. (1) Grants established under ORS 348.260 shall be awarded by
26 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission in the manner provided in
27 this section.

28 “(2) Persons interested in obtaining a grant established under ORS 348.260
29 may apply to the [*Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion*]
30 **commission** for a grant.

1 “(3) The [*director*] **commission** shall screen or cause to be screened the
2 applications and shall determine for each available grant the person best
3 qualified to receive that grant. A qualified applicant is eligible to receive a
4 grant established under ORS 348.260 if:

5 “(a) The applicant’s financial need is such that in the opinion of the [*di-*
6 *rector*] **commission** financial aid is warranted; and

7 “(b) The applicant plans to be a student at the eligible post-secondary
8 institution where the grant is to be used.

9 “(4) The [*director*] **commission** shall not discriminate for or against any
10 applicant for a grant.

11 “(5) Nothing in this section or ORS 348.260, 348.505 to 348.615, 348.696 or
12 348.992 shall be construed to require any institution to admit a grant recip-
13 ient or to attempt to control or influence the policies of the institution.

14 “(6) Whenever funds are not available to award grants to all qualified
15 students, the [*director*] **commission** may give priority to applicants who are
16 or plan to be full-time students at the eligible post-secondary institution
17 where the grant is to be used. A student shall be considered to be a full-time
18 student if the combination of credit hours at more than one eligible post-
19 secondary institution equals full-time attendance, according to the institu-
20 tion disbursing the grant funds.

21 “(7) As used in this section, ‘discriminate’ has the meaning given ‘dis-
22 crimination’ in ORS 659.850.

23 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 348.260 is amended to read:

24 “348.260. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-
25 thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award
26 Oregon Opportunity Grants to qualified students.

27 “(2) The amount of a grant shall equal the state share of a qualified
28 student’s cost of education as determined by the [*Director of the Office of*
29 *Student Access and Completion*] **commission** and comply with applicable
30 rules and procedures described in ORS 348.205.

1 “(3) Grant funds necessary to meet matching requirements for federal
2 funds may also be used to award grants to qualified students in any eligible
3 post-secondary institution approved by the commission.

4 “(4) Grants may be awarded under this section to qualified students en-
5 rolled for any term, including summer term. The commission may prescribe
6 the method and date or dates by which a student must apply to the com-
7 mission to qualify for a grant.

8 “(5)(a) A qualified student who receives a grant under this section may
9 apply for renewal of the grant on an annual basis. The commission may not
10 renew the grant if the qualified student has not made a timely application
11 for renewal of the grant.

12 “(b) The commission shall by rule establish academic standards and
13 benchmarks that a qualified student must meet to have the student’s grant
14 renewed.

15 “(c) If a qualified student who receives a grant under this section makes
16 a timely application for renewal of the grant, meets the academic standards
17 and benchmarks established by the commission under this subsection and
18 continues to meet all other grant eligibility criteria, the grant shall be re-
19 newed for a second year of attendance at an eligible post-secondary institu-
20 tion.

21 “(d) Upon timely application by a qualified student who meets the aca-
22 demic standards and benchmarks established by the commission under this
23 subsection and who continues to meet all other grant eligibility criteria, the
24 commission may continue to renew the grant until the qualified student has
25 received the equivalent of four full-time undergraduate years of grant fund-
26 ing for an eligible program as defined by the commission.

27 “(6)(a) The [*Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion*]
28 **commission** shall inform eligible post-secondary institutions of the identity
29 of qualified students who attend the institution and who receive a grant
30 under this section for more than one academic year.

1 “(b) To the extent possible, eligible post-secondary institutions shall en-
2 sure that qualified students identified under this subsection are made aware
3 of the academic guidance and counseling services available at the institution.

4 “(7) A qualified student who receives a grant under this section must at-
5 tend the eligible post-secondary institution upon which the grant application
6 is based unless the [*Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion*]
7 **commission** authorizes the grant to be used at a different eligible post-
8 secondary institution. A qualified student who receives a grant under this
9 section may attend more than one eligible post-secondary institution if the
10 grant application was based on the qualified student attending more than one
11 eligible post-secondary institution.

12 “(8) The commission may not make a grant award to any qualified student
13 enrolled in a course of study required for and leading to a degree in theol-
14 ogy, divinity or religious education.

15 “(9)(a) The commission shall report annually on or before February 1 to
16 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education regarding
17 the academic success and performance of qualified students who receive
18 grants under this section.

19 “(b) In order to meet the reporting requirements set forth in paragraph
20 (a) of this subsection:

21 “(A) The commission shall by rule design a method for evaluating the
22 academic success and performance of students who receive a grant under this
23 section; and

24 “(B) Upon a request from the commission, eligible post-secondary insti-
25 tutions must provide the commission with the data necessary for the com-
26 mission to conduct its analysis.

27 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 348.263 is amended to read:

28 “348.263. (1) In addition to any other form of student financial aid au-
29 thorized by law, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award
30 moneys from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program to qualified students

1 to reward student persistence and encourage completion of degree programs
2 at eligible post-secondary institutions.

3 “(2) Awards made under this section are not subject to the maximum
4 Oregon Opportunity Grant amount established under ORS 348.205.

5 “(3) The commission shall establish by rule eligibility criteria for awards
6 made under this section. These criteria shall include, but not be limited to,
7 whether the qualified student is attending an eligible post-secondary insti-
8 tution on a full-time or [*half-time*] **less than full-time** basis.

9 “(4)(a) The [*Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion*]
10 **commission** shall administer, and determine the size of, awards made under
11 this section.

12 “(b) In determining the size of awards made under this section, the [*di-*
13 *rector*] **commission** shall consider basing the size of the awards on a per-
14 centage of the maximum Oregon Opportunity Grant amount established
15 under ORS 348.205.

16 “**SECTION 8.** ORS 348.520 is amended to read:

17 “348.520. The Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion
18 shall:

19 “(1) Make available to qualified persons financial aid from financial
20 sources available to the director.

21 “(2) Determine qualifications of persons to receive financial aid.

22 “(3) Maintain reports and records on persons applying for and receiving
23 financial aid from the director.

24 “(4) Withhold any financial aid if the recipient thereof fails to maintain
25 the standards established for receipt of that aid.

26 “(5) Recommend to the Legislative Assembly not less than once every
27 biennium matters relating to the establishment, administration, modification,
28 transfer, reduction or cancellation of financial aid.

29 “[*(6) Prior to implementing changes to the Oregon Opportunity Grant pro-*
30 *gram, report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Leg-*”

1 *islative Assembly or the Emergency Board any proposed change:]*

2 *“(a) That increases or decreases the total amount awarded as Oregon Op-*
3 *portunity Grants that was approved as part of the budget enacted by the Leg-*
4 *islative Assembly for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission; and]*

5 *“(b) To the methodology used to determine the student share, family share*
6 *or state share under ORS 348.205.]*

7 *“[(7)] (6) Encourage the establishment of financial aid programs by pri-*
8 *vate agencies.*

9 *“[(8)] (7) Collect and disseminate information pertaining to all types of*
10 *available financial aid.*

11 *“[(9)] (8) Review the administrative practices and evaluate the effective-*
12 *ness of all public and private post-secondary financial aid programs in*
13 *Oregon.*

14 *“[(10)] (9) Disburse state appropriations for financial aid in such a man-*
15 *ner as to maximize its role in cooperative coordination of financial aid pro-*
16 *grams.*

17 **“SECTION 9. Section 2 of this 2023 Act and the amendments to ORS**
18 **341.522, 348.180, 348.205, 348.250, 348.260, 348.263 and 348.520 by sections**
19 **1 and 3 to 8 of this 2023 Act first apply to applications for grants or**
20 **other financial aid received by the Higher Education Coordinating**
21 **Commission for the fall 2024 academic term.”.**

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